

Libby Area Technical Assistance Group, Inc.
PO Box 53, Libby, MT 59923
September 13th, 2005 Special Meeting Minutes

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(Note: bold items within paragraphs are motions made and voted on as well as action items agreed upon.)

Board Member Attendees:

Gayla Benefield
JoElyn Brus
LeRoy Thom
Tony Brown

Eileen Carney
Helen Clarke
Les Skramstad

Contractor Attendees:

Cheryl Fox

Dr. Gerry Henningsen

Guest Attendees:

Roger Morris
Peggy Churchill
Michael Cirian
Ted Linnert
D.C. Orr
Don Banning
Mike Demille
Catherine LeCours

Wendy Thomi
Geoff McKenzie
Scott Supernaugh
Paul Lammers
Thomas Cook
Kevin Fortner
Nick Raines

- 1) Call to Order approximately 7:05pm.
- 2) Introductions
- 3) Review and approval of previous meeting minutes
 - a) Minutes were reviewed for the August 9th, 2005 LATAG Meeting
 - i) **JoElyn Brus made the motion to accept minutes as written, Helen Clarke second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**
 - b) Minutes were reviewed for the August 26th, 2005 Executive Meeting.
 - i) **LeRoy Thom made the motion to accept minutes as written, JoElyn Brus second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**
 - c) Minutes were reviewed for the August 30th, 2005 LATAG Meeting.
 - i) **Helen Clarke made the comment that paragraph 2)c)(4) need to be removed. Eileen Carney made the motion to accept minutes with the stated correction, LeRoy Thom second the motion. Motion unanimously passed.**

The comment was made that Lee Clarke will soon be submitting his resignation.

1. Old Business

- a. Action Items from the August 9th, 2005 meeting
 - i. Grant Administrator contract EPA feedback – this has been resolved.

- ii. SQUAPP Copy to Helen Clarke and Jan Meadows – this has been resolved.
- iii. Community Involvement Plan (Troy) to Jan Meadows – this has been resolved.
- iv. CRS Position: This was presented to the City of Libby, a few questions have been resolved and the city voted to support the position. A letter has been received from the City of Libby supporting this position and it will be presented to the Lincoln County Commissioners for their support as well.
- v. LATAG Policy and Procedure Review – copies were distributed with an outline regarding open issues. This will be discussed at the LATAG meeting on October 4th.
- vi. LATAG Grant Monies Status – this was presented from information received from Danette Quick. Approximately \$39,034.16 monies remain in the grant fund. Research is pending if an extension or grant fund request is needed before the expiration date (September 30th).
- vii. LATAG Grant “petty cash” – this has been resolved.
- viii. Epperson Demo Air Results – a presentation will be given by Shawn Oliveria (see below).
- ix. Emergency Response Document (seven CD’s) to be returned to Clinton Maynard – this has been resolved.
- x. In-Kind Matching Time Sheets for August – a reminder to all board members was given to submit their in-kind time sheets.

2. Report – Grant Administrator – Cheryl Fox

- a. August reimbursement request was completed and signed.
- b. In-Kind match time sheets – some board members still need to submit their time sheets.
- c. LATAG Policy and Procedure (Board Member Terms) – distribution of an outline of open issues was presented to all board members (see action items).

3. Report – Technical Advisor – Gerry Henningsen

- a. Introduction

4. Report – EPA (work in progress)

- a. EPA will be holding two workshops in September. On September 14th there will be an Introduction to Superfund: A Public Awareness Workshop. This workshop will be held between 9:30am and 2:30pm. The second workshop is an EPA Technical Workshop to be held between 8:00am and 4:00pm. Both workshops will be held at the VFW.
- b. The EPA administrator was here although there was not a general announcement of the visit. There will be a public meeting held in October. This will be one of the most important public meeting to be held at the Memorial Center on October 11th at 6:30pm. It is anticipated that Max Dodson the EPA Assistant Regional Administrator will attend.
- c. Ted Linnert will be the new EPA representative replacing Wendy Thomi. The Stimson property has been completed and currently the property of St. Johns Hospital (helipad) is being cleaned up. EPA is focusing on the remedial and reporting processes.

- d. The SQAPP document of the remedial investigation addresses LATAG issues regarding the clean up of carpets and crawlspaces. The final of this document is due at the end of November. The first draft of the remedial document will be submitted then.
5. Sub-Committee Reports
 - a. Technical Advisor Committee - Helen Clarke (chairperson)
 - i. No report available
 - b. Nominating Committee - LeRoy Thom (chairperson)
 - i. No report available
 - c. Communications Committee - Jan Meadows (chairperson)
 - i. An article has been submitted for publication regarding LATAG.
 - d. CRS Committee - Mike Noble (chairperson)
 - i. No report available
 - e. Health/Safety Committee - Abe Troyer (chairperson)
 - i. No report available
6. Special Presentations (if applicable)
 - a. Paul Lammers gave a presentation regarding the Epperson property.
 - i. A review of the clean up included that the property was structurally unsound and concentric rings of air monitoring was conducted. On the second day of the clean up water was used providing a wet demolition. Decontamination was done within the parameter of the property. No new data is available regarding the air sampling results. No migrations to other properties were reported during the demolition, in spite of the release of some fiber structures. This demolition was considered a success.
 - ii. A review of the clean up of the Loomis property followed. This building utilized asbestos products not only in the insulation but also in the material of the building walls themselves; this warranted a total demolition. A water-piercing tool was used during the demolitions to penetrate walls to soak all building materials prior to removal. Two days prior to the actual demolition the attic areas was soaked. During the demolition a man lift was misting the entire site. During the demolition one air monitoring site measured a fiber it (within the inter-ring of the monitoring devices).
 - iii. More data will be available regarding these demolitions. A due date has not been announced.
7. New Business
 - a. The town meeting is scheduled on the same date of the next LATAG meeting. The next LATAG meeting has been moved to October 4th, 2005.
 - b. Catherine LeCours expressed her thanks to Helen Clarke, Tony Brown and Don Banning on their representation for Troy.
8. Review and agreement on action items generated from this meeting (see attached).
9. Open Discussion
 - a. Les Skramstad voiced his concerns regarding the lack of property owner advocacy within the LATAG organization. He also voiced his concerns regarding leaving vermiculite in walls, floors, carpets and crawlspaces. Les asked Gerry Henningsen some pointed questions regarding air monitoring

assumptions and the duration of the air monitoring. Gerry responded that in almost every situation "something" gets left behind. Gerry expressed his concerns regarding the certainty to prove health safety and his concerns regarding the uncertainty and data gaps, which need to be addressed. All of these concerns need to be defensible by EPA.

10. Next Meeting Scheduled – October 4th, 2005.

11. Adjourn

- a. **Helen Clarke made the motion to adjourn the meeting. JoElyn Brus second the motion. Motion unanimously passed. Meeting adjourned at approximately 8:30pm.**